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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
MASAHIDE HIRASAWA)
Application No.: 09/348,500)
Filed: July 7, 1999)
For: IMAGE PICKUP CONTROL)
APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP)
CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE)
PICKUP CONTROL SYSTEM,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 27, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated August 27, 2003, the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement and an Election of Species Requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following two groups of claims as being directed to patentably distinct inventions: